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Dear Colleagues:

Like many other states, New Hampshire has experienced the impact of extremely challenging economic times. It is my belief that we all need to model to our colleagues, partners, families, and children fiscal responsibility. To that end, I am postponing the DCYF annual conference. This was a very difficult decision as the DCYF conference has traditionally been an important opportunity for us to gather and enhance professional skills, connect and collaborate, and recognize accomplishments.

As a professional in the human services field you are seeing the additional stresses of these times on our children and families. With this in mind, the DCYF Bureau of Staff Development and Training will continue to provide training opportunities to staff and providers to best meet these evolving challenges. I want to acknowledge the dedication and work each of you do that moves the vision of the agency forward. The commitment to ensuring the safety, permanency and well being of New Hampshire's children must remain strong and we recognize you are an integral part of that.

I am honored to continue to be a part of such an amazing professional community as I am confident that by continuing to work together, with a positive and collaborative spirit, we will continue to make progress towards our goal of improving outcomes for children and families, despite the challenges ahead.

Sincerely,

**Maggie Bishop**  
Director



**“Community Partnering for Permanency: Embracing Connections”**